

information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile on 202-514-1590.

#### Overview of This Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of Current Collection.

(2) *The title of this form/collection:* Department of Justice Procurement Blanket Clearance.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Procurement Solicitation Documents, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract.* Primary: Commercial organizations and individuals who voluntarily submit offers and bids to compete for contract awards to provide supplies and services required by the Government. All work statements and pricing data are required to evaluate the contractors bid or proposal.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time for an average respondent to respond:* 7,462 respondents, 20 hours average response time.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with this collection:* 149,240 hours annually.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and

Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Justice Programs

#### National Institute of Justice

[OJP (NIJ)-1147]

#### National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Building Safer Public Housing Communities Through Locally Initiated Research Partnerships

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice solicitation "Building Safer Public Housing Communities Through Locally Initiated Research Partnerships, 1998."

**DATES:** Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business March 31, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS at 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

##### Background

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is calling for proposals to implement Locally Initiated Research Projects (LIRP) in Public and Indian Housing Authorities. These projects will assist housing authorities in the evaluation of efforts to control and prevent drug and drug-related crime problems such as those supported by the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP). Eight to 12 awards for a total expenditure of up to \$975,000 will be awarded to proposals that include the following areas of research:

Each LIRP must have as its purpose one of two organizing principles: to evaluate the effectiveness of an on-going program; or to identify problems within a Housing Authority (HA) development, implement a program to solve those problems, and evaluate the solutions effectiveness.

Each LIRP must include, as a minimum, officials and residents of an HA, and a researcher. The roles of each of these partners must be equivalent in terms of decisionmaking. Each proposal must also outline how these partnerships will be continued once Federal funding has concluded.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Building Safer Public Housing Communities Through Locally Initiated Research Partnerships, 1998" (refer to document No. SL000243). For World Wide Web access, connect either to either NIJ at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>, or the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#nij>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Justice Programs

#### National Institute of Justice

[OJP (NIJ)-1148]

#### National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Evaluation of Victims of Crime Act State Compensation and Assistance Programs, 1998

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Evaluation of Victims of Crime Act State Compensation and Assistance Programs, 1998."

**DATES:** Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business March 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.